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# RED ARMY STOPS FOE IN NORTH

## IGNORANCE CLAIMED BY S. F. MAYOR

Aides Resign Under Graft Charge, But Rossi Knows Nothing

SAN FRANCISCO—Mayor Angelo Rossi neither sees, hears nor speaks evil of Pete McDonough.

The mayor accepted the resignation of three police commissioners and his own private secretary because of revelations in the Atherton report and in tapped telephone conversations shown to the grand jury. In them these four pillars of the Rossi administration were revealed as participants, defendants or silent accomplices of the vice ring headed by the McDonough Brothers bail bond firm.

But Rossi, testifying before the state insurance commissioner last Thursday, Oct. 21, had no opinion as to Pete McDonough's "moral character." All Rossi knew was what had been published in the papers and the publicly recorded facts that these four officials of the Rossi machine had resigned.

Observers recalled that Rossi had vigorously attacked the Atherton report on its issuance, and subsided into silence when the revelations had shown connections in his own office. It was clear that the opponents of the McDonough's getting a license to continue would find no help or comfort from Mayor Rossi.

Ernst Defends Self

Hugo Ernst, Caltanis Alliance official, found himself defending not only McDonough but Ernst as well. Forced by subpoena to show the letter Pete McDonough had written asking for his union's support, McDonough claimed his compliance with this request was authorized by the executive board of his local.

Outside the hearing, members of the executive board of the local emphatically denied this and claimed that Ernst had given McDonough the union's sanction without its knowledge.

Roche Defends Cops

Theodore Roche, resigned member of the police commission, made a strong effort both to defend Pete's moral character and to clear the police department. Pete's refusal to talk, Roche now claims to believe, was "damaging" to the police department because it left unanswered the charges that it annually participates in a one million dollar take from prostitution, gambling and other illegal activities.

## Herndon Kin Dies in Spain

Was Third Negro to Die for Spanish Democracy

NEW YORK—Milton Herndon, commander of the Frederick Douglass machine gun Company of the Lincoln Brigade, was killed Saturday, Oct. 16, on the Saragossa front in Spain.

The young Negro commander, age 29, was a member of the Young Communist League and brother of Angelo Herndon, the League's national vice president. He had actively participated in many engagements at the front. News of his death was cabled to the American Friends of the Lincoln Brigade. "He, like other Negroes who have gone to Spain," said his internationally known brother, "has helped to write a glorious chapter in the struggle for human progress."

Herndon was the third Negro of the Lincoln Brigade reported killed in action. The others were Alonzo Watson and Oliver Law. Others who have distinguished themselves include Lt. Walter Garland, wounded twice in action; Harry Haywood, Chicago leader, political commander of the battalion, and Douglas Roach, Massachusetts, wounded twice in action.

Meeting Time Changed

SAN FRANCISCO—Change of time and place in a campaign mass meeting for women was announced here by the Honest Government Committee.

The meeting will be addressed by Marjorie January, candidate for supervisor with the committee's endorsement. It will be held in the assembly room at 83 McAllister Street, Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m.

## Negro Congress Maps Fight for Democracy

Delegates Urge Unity of Labor as Powerful Weapon Against Jim-Crowism

PHILADELPHIA, Penn.—"We want one powerful and united labor movement."

"We want a united front against the attack of war and fascism!"

"We demand an end to race discrimination!"

## BRIDGES PLANS BIG CIO PUSH



HARRY BRIDGES

### Returns With Pledge of Support From Lewis

SAN FRANCISCO—"The CIO will immediately redouble its organizing activity on the Pacific Coast," declared Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director, last Thursday on his return from the CIO conference in Atlantic City.

Commenting on the fact that the AFL executive council refused to name 100 representatives to meet with 100 CIO representatives in a unity parley, and insisted on committees of three for the meeting next Monday, October 25, in Washington D.C., Bridges said "it creates the inescapable conclusion that the one thing lacking on the AFL side of the peace parley is sincerity."

Bridges declared the conference had gone on record backing up the CIO West Coast campaign in every Western state, and pledging full support for future activities in this area.

Pointing out that the conference had authorized the holding of a national convention at an early date to decide upon a constitution and other things necessary to set up the CIO on an independent national basis, Bridges said:

"We have frequently been charged with not having a constitution. Naturally we did not have any constitution since we hoped to do our organizing work within the AFL. It is only the attitude of the Greens and Vandeleurs in the AFL that has made it necessary for us to become independent."

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## Pension-Plan Messiah Eludes L. A. Police

LOS ANGELES—He had visions of hundreds of thousands of followers. In his dreams he saw a steady stream of quarters and dimes and dollars pouring into his bank account. He thought of Townsends of Gerald K. Smith perhaps even of Hitler and Mussolini.

Today he is in hiding from the police. His few hundred followers have ceased to be devoted and have begun brandishing I.O.U.'s. Police are looking for him to charge him with grand theft and fraud. There is the possibility that a Federal charge—that of using the mails to defraud—may be pinned on him.

Petty Racketeer

A long-time petty racketeer, Robert Noble, arrested last October 17 when he and his followers staged a demonstration in front of radio station KMTR in protest against the station's refusal to give him free time to advertise his \$25 every Monday morning pension scheme, is on the verge of an ignominious disappearance from public life.

Slated to appear in court No-

## RIGHT TO JOIN UNION FACES COURT TEST

### Progressives Force City to Try Goon Squad Hoodlums

LOS ANGELES—Whether working men can join unions of their own choice and still escape bodily harm at the hands of thugs will be one of the questions before the Municipal Court on Nov. 2.

On that day the court will hear charges of "assault and battery" lodged against alleged "goons" carrying Teamsters' Union books, Lee Owens, Carl Windshanz, Bill O'Brien and Shive Morales.

**City's First Move**

With progressive opinion aroused at the unchecked reign of "goon squad" terrorism in the city's streets, the arrest of the four was the first move of city authorities to cope with the outbreak of violence. They were haled into court last Monday on complaint of Joe Mandernach and Eli Epstein, organizers of the CIO United Cracker, Bakery and Confectionary Workers Union, who were seriously beaten recently in front of the L. A. Nut House, a candy-making establishment.

**Ford Cheered**

The audience of 4500 people gave James W. Ford, Negro Communist leader and vice-president candidate in the 1936 elections, a tremendous ovation as he rose to speak on the problems which confront the Negro people today. He ended his stirring address with the famous words, "John Brown's Body Marches On."

Commenting on the fact that which confronted the Congress when it convened 174 resolutions were adopted in the final business session. Resolutions condemning discrimination, calling for a united labor movement and a united front against war and Fascism headlined the Congress recommendations. Other resolutions sharply condemned WPA curtailment and approval of the policy of collective security to keep the peace.

**Randolph Speaks**

The keynote speech of the opening session was given by A. Philip Randolph, president of the Congress and head of the powerful Brotherhood of Sleepy-ear Porters.

He bitterly denounced "fascist governments which have enveloped large areas of the world in the flames of war," and called for unity of the Negro people against the warmakers.

Speakers were strong in denouncing Japan's unprincipled aggression of the Japanese people. Many leaders called for a boycott of Japanese goods.

In the following sessions the Congress broke up into round tables to discuss the principal

activities in this area.

**CIO Office Union Strikes Safeway, Western States**

SAN FRANCISCO—Under leadership of the United Office & Professional Workers of America Local 34, CIO, some 200 office workers are on strike at the local offices of Safeway Stores and Western States Grocery Co., with the support of the Warehousemen's Union, ILWU Local 1-6.

The UOPWA stated:

"Employees in these two offices were forced to strike by repeated unnecessary delays in negotiations by the management over a period of four months."

The employers refused to make an official offer last Monday, and on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. the strike action was voted unanimously.

**Wm. Conboy Blocks Cleaners' Peace**

SAN FRANCISCO—"Don't have any peace talk—we're not going to go for any referendum," instructed William Conboy, local Teamster czar, last Thursday night with the result that a meeting of the AFL Cleaners & Dyers dual union was railroaded with a motion turning down any peace moves with the CIO United Cleaners & Dyers Union.

Conboy, AFL business agent, had agreed on Wednesday night to hold a city-wide referendum to give him free time to advertise his \$25 every Monday morning pension scheme, is on the verge of an ignominious disappearance from public life. He has not been found.

## Pretty Picture—Or Wouldn't You Say?



IT'S THE stockings we're speaking of. They're cotton. And the reason for them is the Japanese invasion of China. The girls are members of the Washington Commonwealth Federation women's league. They think "Off with Silk and on with Cotton" will undermine Japanese silk sales in the United States and force the Japanese imperialists to abandon their plans for enslaving the Chinese people. The girls are, left to right: Margaret Haglund, Mary Thompson, Sylvia Keene and Mrs. Howard Costigan.

## AGAIN REPELS TOKIO TROOPS IN OPEN FIGHT

### Defenders Take Offensive Cut Off Reinforcements From Main Attackers

CHINESE HEADQUARTERS, North Shansi—Moving from guerrilla tactics into a mass offensive, the Eighth Route Army under the command of the Communist General Chu Teh has defeated the northern Japanese army in two key positions and surrounded its main force.

Throughout the entire North-western front, the Eighth Army fighters clashed not only with Japanese troops, but White Russians and Mohammedans fighting under the Japanese command.

The two key positions where major battles were fought were in the Nian-tsze mountain pass, 130 miles east of Taiyuan, and the Yuanping sector, 30 miles north of Taiyuan.

A large force of Japanese was almost completely annihilated at Ningpo northwest of Taiyuan. This phase of the campaign was carried out by the 120th division of the Eighth army.

The main Japanese force in the north, already practically isolated, is under attack by 100,000 Chinese troops.

Moreover, another detachment of the Eighth Army, cutting through the mountains north of famed Yenmen Pass, tore up roads and forced the retreat of Japanese reinforcements being sent to the North.

### Japan Anxiety Grows As Chinese Lines Hold

SHANGHAI—While holding their own positions in the face of continued heavy artillery and infantry attacks, the Chinese defending forces here launched a series of counter attacks.

Japan failed again in an attempt to take the strategic North Station in the Chanci section by storm after another holocaust of artillery fire leveled at positions around it.

Fires were being started continually by the Japanese artillery fire falling on Chanci. At least one heavy shell fell in the International Settlement, an area defended by foreign troops including U.S. marines.

**Japan Sends Best**

Obviously anxious because the Chinese defense has not been broken as expected, the Japanese sent two of their most noted army and navy strategists to direct operations on the Shanghai front. They were General Iwao Matsui, commander in chief of Japanese forces in Central China, and Admiral Osami Nagano, former Japanese naval minister.

Matsui was believed to have gone to the Tzaoan sector of the Shanghai front where a three-day major Japanese offensive had hit practically no progress.

### Bay State C. P. Victim of Tories

BOSTON—Seizure of all Communist Party records in Massachusetts, including membership lists, was ordered by the state legislative committee investigating "subversive activities" in the state.

The Party immediately appealed to all friends of democracy in the nation to rush protests to Sybil Holmes, chairman of the committee, at Room 450, State House, Boston.

The Party's statement declared that it had cooperated voluntarily throughout the hearing, but that violation of its civil rights shows that the committee is ignoring the widespread demand of prominent citizens and some newspapers to take action against the foes of democracy, the fascist forces organized within the state.

### CIO Pickets Framed in Contra Costa County

MARTINEZ, Contra Costa County—Four CIO pickets were convicted here last Wednesday on frameup charges of beating and resisting a police officer during the Felice & Perelli Caninery strike last July in Richmond.

Motion for a new trial for Ralph J. Conley, Mateo Lucchesi, John Chirino and Frank Estrada, was filed before Superior Judge Bray.

## SPAIN TO TRY HIGH TRAITORS

## China Consul Thanks U. S. People for Aid

More Than \$3,000,000 Raised in America to Aid Defenders

General Betrayed Army At Malaga Accused

**MADRID—**Gijon, last Loyalist stronghold on the northern Spanish coast, surrendered to the fascist army of Franco at the end of a long campaign by Loyalist troops to delay its capture.

The facts were revealed by C. C. Huang, Chinese Consul-General in this city, when he called in the press on Thursday "to express the gratitude of my government and my people for the generous aid of the American people."

**Letters Flow In**

"Since the war started in North China and Shanghai," Mr. Huang said, "this office has been receiving messages daily from American people expressing sympathy with the Chinese people, particularly those in cities bombed by the Japanese air fleet. Many of the letters are accompanied with money with a request that it be used for relief of women and children in bombed cities."

Practically all the money has been donated by Chinese residents in America and in San Francisco has been gathered by the Chinese War Relief Association, 843 Stockton street.

"But," said Mr. Huang, "I understand that organizations like the American League Against War and Fascism are considering a campaign to raise money among Americans for Chinese refugees."

**Japanese People Muzzled**

In his opinion, President Roosevelt's Chicago speech was "a reflection" of American public opinion as expressed in the countless messages of sympathy he has received.

## Alleged Writers Alleged All Writers Crack-Pots

HOLLYWOOD—"You don't have to be crazy to be a success in Hollywood, but it helps."

Apparently trying to live up to this oft-quoted phrase, four alleged writers (by self-admission) sought to go one better than the "Three Stooges" of movie fame at the National Labor Relations Board hearing here on charges brought by the Screen Writers Guild against film producers.

**"Yes, Mr. Mayer"**

The well-known satires of Hollywood, "Once in a Lifetime" and "Queer People," have nothing on the transcript of this hearing.

Howard Emmett Rogers, freelance script writer; Grover Jones, veteran \$3500-a-week scenarist; Patterson McNutt, and James McGinnis, producer-writer, came out of the gauze of saying "Yes, Mr. Mayer" and "Yes, Mr. Warner," long enough to testify that screen writers aren't "regular" workers and therefore won't no part of the Wagner Labor Act.

Continuing the policy of aiming wit, trying to convince the Labor Board that writers aren't worth bothering about, Jones said:

"Nobody in Hollywood knows a damn thing of what he's talking about and the man who puts up the best bluff gets \$3500 a week. I think I know what I'm talkin' about, but most of the time I don't. It's a gamble, a terrific gamble."

**"Yes, Mr. Warner"**

# Chinese Official Slated to Talk at S. F. Mass Meeting

## CONGRESS FOR DEMOCRACY & PEACE MEETS

Menace of War, Fascism  
On Agenda for Study  
Sunday Oct. 24

SAN FRANCISCO—P. P. Sun, deputy Chinese consul in San Francisco, was scheduled to address the concluding mass meeting of the Congress for Democracy and Peace scheduled all day Sunday, Oct. 24, at Scio's Hall, 2460 Sutter Street. Other leading participants of the congress were also scheduled to speak and delegates were to be chosen there to participate in the national Congress for Democracy and Peace scheduled in Pittsburgh Nov. 26 to 28.

The public was invited not only to the evening mass meeting, but to the sessions of the congress, although in the latter only accredited delegates will have voice and vote.

The morning session at 10 a.m. before the congress divides into commissions, was to be addressed by Prof. Robert Brady on the international war and fascist menace; by E. F. Dillon, official of Machinists' Local 68; on the effect of fascist trends on labor in this country; by Eric Thomsen, former regional director of the Resettlement Administration, on fascism in the agricultural areas, and by Bert Leah, state organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism. On the League's role in the fight for democracy and peace, The American League is the initiator of the congress.

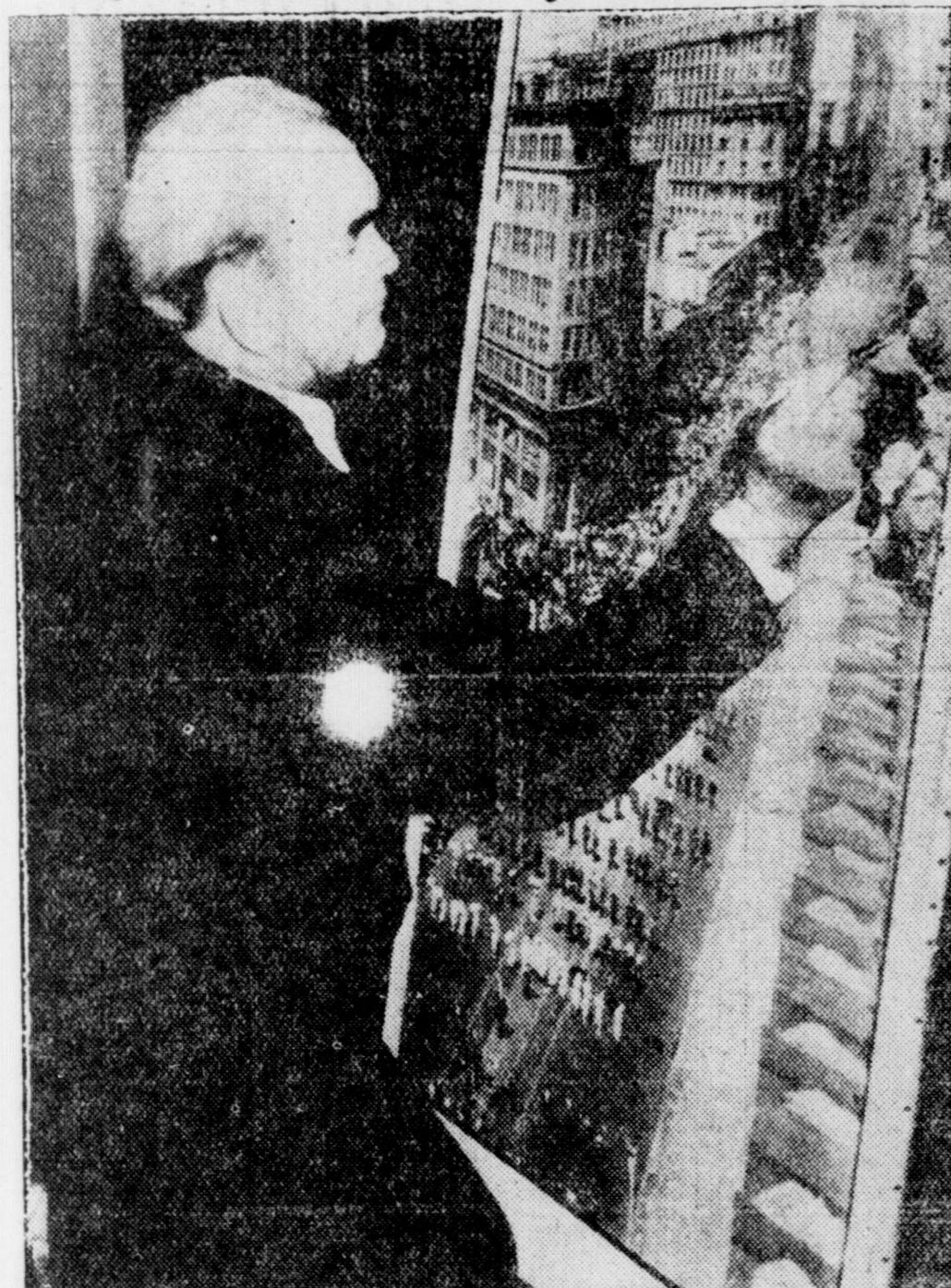
The following were proposed by the arrangements committee to head the various commissions: Clarence Tobi, labor; Ray Stude, business and professional; Eunie Bradley, youth, and Matt Crawford, national minorities.

Nathan Straus Heads Housing Administration

HYDE PARK, N. Y.—President Roosevelt announced here that he had appointed Nathan Straus as head of the housing administration provided in the Wagner-Steagall Bill.

The appointee has long been associated with semi-public slum clearance surveys and projects in New York City.

### Proof of Mooney's Innocence



TOM MOONEY, one of the world's most famous political prisoners, is shown pointing out the figure of himself on the top of a building miles away from the scene of the San Francisco preparedness day bombing he was accused of. The clock in the picture is further proof of the "frame-up" against Mooney. It was humanly impossible for Mooney to get to the scene of the bombing at the time it occurred from this building.

## S. F. Property Owners Hit Anti-Picketing Ordinance

### Claim Previous Ordinance Aided Unfair Employers to Provoke Strikes

SAN FRANCISCO—Among the first to answer the appeal of the Organized Labor Committee Against the Anti-Picketing Ordinance was the San Francisco Property Owners League, it was announced by Campaign Director Paul O. Gaffney.

The league sharply condemns the proposed ordinance as a promoter of strikes which would otherwise be settled around the conference table.

"Since the anti-picketing ordinance was repealed last March," said the League, "75 per cent of San Francisco's labor difficulties have been settled at the conference table without recourse to strike."

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#### Other Affairs

##### San Francisco

House party, 1848 Pine St., Sat., Oct. 23. Admission free. Eats, drinks, entertainment. Friends of Western Worker.

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Halloween night party Saturday, Oct. 30, by YCL, 121 Haight street.

Dance to be held at 779 Vallejo St., Sat., Oct. 30th, 8 p. m. Adm., Men, 25¢; Women, 10¢. Ausp. Alaska Cannery Branch No. 5.

Reception to A. B. Victor, well known author and lecturer, Sat., Oct. 30, 8 p. m. at Druid's Temple, 44 Page St., near Market. Refreshments, good program. Auspices Jewish Bureau.

Sunday, Oct. 31st, 5:30 p. m. at 1848 Pine Street, 20th Anniversary Russian Dinner and Program. Daily Western Brigade No. 1.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6. Dreamland Auditorium. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, main speaker.

Thanksgiving Carnival & Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m., 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

#### Los Angeles

Mass Meeting and Rally, Mooney-Billings Br., ILD, Program, Trade Union Club, 546½ S. Spring St. Wed., Oct. 27, 8 p. m. Speakers on CIO and the Intl. Situation. Music by FMO Orchestra. Adm. 10¢.

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Three days Grand Fiesta, Dec. 31, 1937, Jan. 1, 2, 1938, by S. F. County Committee.

## Chambers, Wilson and Crane to Talk at S. F. Rally on C. S. Repeal

### Maritime Federation, ILD, Assist Repeal Conference as Sponsors; Mooney Praises Defense

SAN FRANCISCO—A mass meeting in celebration of the release of the criminal syndicalist prisoners from San Quentin Penitentiary will be held in Scottish Rite auditorium on Wednesday evening, October 27th.

The affair is under the auspices of Bay Area District Council of the Maritime Federation, the International Labor Defense, the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and more than 200 other progressive and labor organizations.

Principal speakers will be Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane, who were released from San Quentin penitentiary last week, after serving nearly three years under the act for labor activities.

The three labor organizers and five others on parole were ordered unconditionally released by the Third District Court of Appeals which reversed their conviction.

#### Patterson to Speak

Other speakers will include Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, of King City, and other leaders in the fight to repeal the measure.

Hundreds of congratulatory messages concerning the reversal of the verdict are pouring in upon the California Conference for Repeal. The following was received from Tom Mooney:

"Enclosed you will find a check for \$5.00 from our committee to help carry on the

long fight we have been making for freedom and vindication."

### Women Fight Paper Fomenting Mob Violence in Los Angeles

#### Shopping News Joins "Neutral Thousands" In Drive To Keep Open Shop Conditions

LOS ANGELES—The Downtown Shopping News has gone berserk again on a big union-baiting campaign.

In a series of vicious open-shop editorials and suspiciously unrealistic anonymous letters, the Shopping News has become the spearhead of the Merchant and Manufacturers open shop drive.

The connection of the Neutral Thousands, the so-called women's organization for the promotion of a truce between capital and labor recently exposed in the Western Worker, to the whole setup is too, too obvious.

#### Women Break Strike!

Last July the Shopping News published an editorial entitled "Women Suffer Most." It said in part:

"We have just learned who really licked the steel strike back."

"It was the women—the wives of the workers."

Then further down—

"So the wives of the steel workers got together and talked things over. They agreed that everything had been calm and peaceful before the strike, that wages had been good, work plentiful—and everybody happy."

Recently the Merchants and Manufacturers Association circulated a letter to employers asking for contributions to a slush fund to fight for open shop conditions.

#### Women Shoppers Object

The Neutral Thousands and the Shopping News are flank movements in this central campaign for keeping Los Angeles open shop.

The League of Women's Shoppers has taken up this fight against the anti-labor attitude of the Shopping News. Under the auspices of the League thousands of penny post cards have been distributed protesting "the use of the Downtown Shopping News for disseminating propaganda against labor and trade unionism."

These cards are pouring into the offices of the Downtown Shopping News and to the department stores, demanding that the stores withdraw their advertising unless the editorials are stopped.

"Once before," said Mrs. D. L. Franchi, executive secretary of the League, in a recent press interview, "the League conducted a campaign against a similar set of articles in the Shopping News. When the articles were discontinued we wrote to Mr. Clum commanding him

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## U. S. Sues to Stop Sale Of City Power to PG&E

SAN FRANCISCO—The United States government opened its suit here to stop the sale of city-generated power from Hetch Hetchy to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Under the arrangement, consumers who paid for the construction of Hetch Hetchy have to buy its power through the PG&E distributing system. The government suit was instituted after Secretary Ickes' charge that the arrangement is illegal under the Raker Act.

It is widely charged that one of the objectives of the San Francisco subway bond proponents is that of bonding the city too heavily to enable it to purchase the PG&E distributing system.

## 186,000 Petitioners Ask Single House Legislature

### Assemblyman Yorty Files Signatures Calling for Statewide Vote

LOS ANGELES—A petition to place the proposition of a single house legislature before the electorate at the next general election has been signed by 186,137 people.

The petition will be filed with the secretary of state, according to Assemblyman Samuel W. Yorty.

## Market Fall Declared Deliberately Planned

WASHINGTON—Evidence that stock market manipulators in the higher brackets have deliberately sought over a period of months to drive down the prices of stocks was disclosed here by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Short selling was the method used according to the commission's investigators who have been in New York collecting information.

Identity of the short sellers was not disclosed.

## 3 Italians Come to Heckle, But Lose Their Fascist View

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo.—Having come to heckle the speaker and the showing of the film "Heart of Spain," three local Italian fascists remained to be enlightened and to contribute to medical aid for the Spanish Loyalists.

Martin North, who is one of the speakers on the tour, told further of local support being organized for Spain wherever the touring company stops. In Yakima, Washington, local police and city council tried to drive them out of town, but were forced to allow a meeting to be held when citizens came to their support.

Another factor in Yakima was the action of Rev. W. R. Robinson, CIO organizer and Washington Commonwealth Federation member of the state legislature. He pointedly warned city officials that an election was in the offing.

### STATE CIO CONVENTION

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A state convention of CIO unions in Minnesota will be held in Duluth in November, according to plans drawn at a preliminary conference held September 20.

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Los Angeles—A city-wide drive against "goon" terrorism was launched last Tuesday, October 19, when local citizens meeting in the Angelus Hotel established the Citizens Committee for Industrial Justice.

Called by the Rev. A. A. Heist, Southern California Educational Director for the CIO, the meeting voiced a determined stand against the refusal of law enforcement officials to protect the lives of workers in our city.

"Right now, we, as citizens, have got to face the fact that our policemen are strikebreakers," declared Doctor E. P. Ryland, militant leader of the Inter-Religious Committee and chairman of the Municipal League Committee on Industry.

Represented at the meeting were twelve progressive and religious organizations including the American League Against War and Fascism, the International Workers' Order, the Municipal League, and the Christian Front for Peace and Against Fascism.

Speaking of the findings of an investigation which he led into the Banning strike against the Metropolitan Water District, Doctor Ryland asked:

"How can we with these findings go ahead with this undurable situation—namely, the use of police officers, our

# Peace Parley Urges Ban On Fascist-Made Products

Delegates of 200,000 Outline Program for Democracy

LOS ANGELES — Representing approximately 200,000 people in Southern California, more than 250 delegates, observers and visitors attended a Congress for Democracy and Peace initiated here by the local American League Against War and Fascism last Sunday, October 17.

Headlined in an imposing list of the day's speakers was P. N. Chang, Los Angeles Chinese Consul, who outlined the background and development of the Japanese invasion of his country.

Other speakers during the day included Reverend E. P. Ryland, the Rev. A. A. Heist, Southern California CIO Educational Director; Doctor H. D. Alexander, professor of economics at the Los Angeles Junior College; J. L. Frankel, ILD attorney; Bert Leech, California State Organizer of the League, and Doctor Louis G. Reynolds.

Strong unanimity existed among the delegates and speakers in calling for an economic boycott of aggressor fascist nations in the struggle for international peace.

#### Resolutions Adopted

Adopted unanimously by the Congress were two principal resolutions on "The Struggle for Peace" and "Labor's Rights."

In the main resolution on labor's rights, the meeting went on record denouncing the Industrial Mobilization Plan "as a plan which threatens labor's fundamental right to organize into bona fide unions," and urged all organizations "to bring pressure to bear on Senators and representatives . . . against re-introduction of the plan for further consideration by Congress.

Special note was given to recent attempts to use relief agencies in the breaking of strikes. Strong appeal for unity among farmers, workers, and the middle class was voiced.

#### Wide Representation

Of great significance, according to League leaders, was the wide representation of the Congress. Among the 37 organizations which sent delegates or observers were 15 trade unions including both Committees for Industrial Organization and American Federation of Labor affiliates.

Firm opposition "to any militarization of youth, against enforced military training in schools, and against military leadership in the CCC camps," was voiced by a militant youth commission composed of 21 delegates from eight organizations. A Council of Youth Organizations to carry on an organized peace campaign was proposed by the commission.

#### Other Resolutions

Other resolutions included condemnation of the "use of unemployed as strike breakers"; demanded the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law; called for repeal of all anti-picketing and anti-handbill ordinances; and memorialized the governor to free Tom Mooney.

Commenting on the Congress, Allan Metcalf, local secretary of the League, declared:

"We of the League are confident that as a result of this Congress the forces in Southern California which stand for peace and democracy — the professionals, business men, and religious groups — are desperately determined to unite in collective action for a real united movement to insure peace and to perpetuate democracy by defending democracy against all attacks, especially those from industrial fascism."

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#### Oakland Celebrates 18th Party Birthday

OAKLAND — The birth of the Communist Party organization in Oakland eighteen long years ago will be celebrated at Finnish Hall 1819 10th St. in Berkeley on Saturday, October 23rd. At 6:30 p.m. on this date, old timers and new comers in the party will gather around a banquet table and hear of the stirring events of those years. Fifty cents per plate is the cost for the feast with the whole family and neighbors invited.

#### League Warned



DR. WELLINGTON KOO, able Chinese diplomat, who told the assembly of the League of Nations that European and American commercial interests in the Far East are doomed if Japan conquers China in the present conflict.

## SONORA GOVT UNDER ATTACK

#### Workers Demand Dissolution: Land Distribution

MEXICO CITY — Dissolution of the present government of the state of Sonora on the grounds that its governor, General Roman Yocupicio, has violated the constitution in denying labor its right of free association and subjected them to persecution, is requested of President Cardenas by the Federation of Workers of the State of Coahuila.

At the same time the Sinaloa Federation at its congress proposed to the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) that nationwide demonstrations be held in protest against General Yocupicio for the attempt made on the life of Vicente Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the CTM, during his recent visit to Sonora. At the same time the Sinaloa Federation demanded that the government begin the partitioning of haciendas in the Yaqui and Mayo regions of Sonora, whose owners have suspended all work in an effort to induce famine which can be blamed on the federal government.

Governor Enrique Calderon of Durango was among leading Mexican political leaders supporting the condemnation of Yocupicio and his policies.

Other resolutions included condemnation of the "use of unemployed as strike breakers"; demanded the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law; called for repeal of all anti-picketing and anti-handbill ordinances; and memorialized the governor to free Tom Mooney.

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Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

## Fascists Harried in Rome and Ethiopia

ROME — Mounting internal difficulties for Italian fascism came to the surface here with the sentence of 26 anti-fascists in the "Tribunal for Defense of the Fascist State."

The convictions were announced at the same time as official announcements seeking to minimize the extent of guerrilla insurrections of Ethiopians which had wiped out entire Italian garrisons in Ethiopia before being put down by a new wholesale slaughter.

The tribunal announced that

the anti-fascists convicted were part of a "United Anti-fascist Front" of Socialists, Communists and Republicans. Sentences ranged from 18 months to 18 years.

Official announcements said that only 41 Italian officers and 17 soldiers were killed during the recent Ethiopian uprisings. Although this in itself was considered a certain minimization, no mention was made of the losses among native Libyan and Eritrean troops in Italian service.

#### Diary of an American in Spain

## Take Town Without Losing a Single Life

By ADDISON KEELER

Again we are riding twenty-four men and equipment in trucks. But this time our rifles are not placed in one pile; we hold them ready at hand and make sure of the safety locks, because every piece is loaded. And one man of our group carries a long bulky object carefully wrapped in a poncho, a Maxim light machine gun, a beautiful weapon.

#### No Smoking

Again we are riding but this time there's a difference. This time we know where we are going, even to the name of the town we have been ordered to capture. There is a nervous tension among the men; how many are asking themselves the question "How will I react under fire?" Only our Portuguese comrade who speaks no English and little Spanish is unconcerned—he soon falls asleep in the bed of the truck. Perhaps he doesn't know we are going into action that very night or perhaps he doesn't care.

Our truck has left the highway now and bumps slowly and without lights along a road which threads its way among sharply rising foothills. No smoking. At times we pass other trucks loaded down with artillery pieces and ammunition, a long line of ambulances, dozens of tanks. The Brigade means business!

When we finally stop and climb out we have arrived at a river and a railroad track. We are marched down the track to the foot of a high hill up which men are climbing in single file.

#### Held In Reserve

Must be very close to the front now — the sound of rifle fire is sharp and clear. Unaccountably we are marched back down the track, back on the road, away from the front. The Gods at G. H. have ordained that we be held in reserve during the first two days of the battle.

"Come on, Western Worker, have a grandstand seat," invited Brad. And what a grandstand seat it was! We were in trenches on the brow of a high hill, from behind which our artillery rained a hail of shells upon the defences of the besieged fascist town.

Before us lay the panorama of the battle: in the center, a vast plain which stretched without a break from our vantage point five hundred meters on

#### WISCONSIN COUNCIL

MILWAUKEE — Unions with a total membership of 90,000 are represented in the permanent Wisconsin Industrial Union Council covering the whole state.

#### Widowed by Japanese Bomb



THIS CHINESE woman, widowed by a Shanghai air raid, hurries toward the International Settlement balancing a pole supporting the basket holding her baby and a bundle containing her possessions.

## Soviet Citizens Pick Boards To Rule December 12 Voting

MOSCOW — District and precinct election boards are now being selected throughout the Republics of the Soviet Union.

The excitement attendant on these preliminary details is but a prelude for that expected when nearly 100,000,000 Soviet citizens go to the polls on December 12 in the first general election ever to be held in the Union.

The elections, to be held by secret ballot, are the result of the recently ratified Soviet Constitution.

All Soviet organizations, unions, cultural, social and sports clubs, collectives, the Communist Party and Young Communist League are permitted to nominate citizens for the local Soviets and the All-Union Soviet.

Members include Peter G. Moskoff, Central Council of All-Union Labor Federations; Professor Otto Schmidt, celebrated Arctic explorer, Professional Union in Education and Science; George Malenkov, Professional Union of Political Education; representatives of the Communist party and Young Communist League, the Soviet Air League, two collective farms, two factories, the Pravda editorial department, the Union of Soviet Writers and various other organizations.

Another member of the British delegation is E. E. Shinwell, M. P., and former secretary for Mines in the Labor Cabinet.

#### Train Crews Will Race

MOSCOW — The longest railway race in the world has even been seen being staged by the workers on the Trans-Siberian Railroad as a part of the celebrations attendant to the 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

Crack crews of Stakhanovites are racing each other across the 7,000 miles of track from Moscow to Vladivostok. One train started from Moscow, the other from Vladivostok. Their time of departure has been synchronized by wireless.

#### RCA Signs CIO Contract

CAMDEN, N. J. — The United Electrical & Radio Workers (CIO) became the sole collective bargaining agent for 10,000 workers employed by the RCA Mfg. Co. here as an agreement between the company and the union was consummated. Payment of \$100,000 in 1936 vacation pay withheld from hundreds of workers for their strike activity that year was written into the pact.

Great Britain, Spain, France, Mexico, Czechoslovakia, Canada,

Other countries will be represented by delegates to the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the October Revolution.

David Lasser, chairman of the Workers Alliance of America, will lead the delegation from the United States. Among other American delegation members are Mother Bloor, famed working class leader, and Andrew Onholt, chairman of the legislative committee of the Farmers' Union.

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## Japan Strategy Foiled By Superior Aviation, Morale of Defenders

#### Nippone Plan Merciless Slaughter of Civilians As China Troops Block Advance on Three Fronts

As the war in the Far East progresses the most notable revelation concerning Japan's supposedly "invincible" military machine has been the surprisingly inadequate strategy employed by the Japanese general command.

Foreign commentators are almost unanimous in believing that the blind adherence to strategy of the type employed in the World War is responsible for much of the difficulty the Japanese imperialists have encountered in their invasion of China.

#### Original Strategy

The original Japanese plans called for the capture of Peiping and Tientsin followed immediately by the driving of a mechanized wedge westward into Shensi province and the consequent division of China and the dislocation of Kuomintang's defense plans.

Chief among the Japanese blunders in the early stage of the war was their underestimation of the popular unity of the Chinese people, a unity which has at the present put a stop to the westward drive.

Secondly, the Japanese general staff counted upon the loyalty of the Manchukuan and Mongol armies to protect their northern front from the possibility of Soviet action.

Both of these blunders have been costly. Since the capture of Tientsin the Japanese have won only one important victory in North China. That was the capture of Nankow pass, effected at the cost of terrific losses in both men and machinery.

Outmaneuvered By Chinese

While their troops have continued their advance to the South the policy of the 29th Route Army here has been to drop back without a major engagement, thus drawing the Japanese troops further from their base and opening the way to a pincer attack on the Chinese army in the West.

On the second of the Northern fronts the Japanese army has been stopped cold by the 8th Route Army (formerly the Chinese Red Army). Here under the leadership of the veteran Chu Teh, the 8th Route Army has employed much the same tactics, allowing the advance guard of the Japanese army to isolate itself from its base and then surrounding it and cutting it off from aid.

According to latest dispatches this strategy has placed the entire Western Japanese army in a very difficult position and has completely broken up the so-called "Shensi wedge" which so delighted Tokyo theorists a few weeks ago.

On the third of the Northern fronts the Japanese general staff's misjudgment is likely to prove still more costly in time.

There have been constant revolts among the Manchukuan, Koreans and Mongolian mercenaries. The Japanese now have

so little confidence in their allies that they have been forced to deploy several hundred thousand of their picked men in the Northern provinces to keep down revolt.

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Slaughter of Civilians

Disturbed by the slow development on the Northern fronts and well aware that Japan's internal structure cannot bear the weight of a protracted campaign, the general staff devised a new and "novel" tactic — the unprincipled attack on civilian Shanghaian and the ruthless bombings of Nanking and Canton.

The invasion of Shanghai has three purposes: (1) to keep the best Chinese troops in the South and thus hinder the Chinese defense in the North, (2) to disrupt the financial center of China and to blockade at least half of the nation, and (3) to lay the base for the attack and capture of Nanking, the capital of Nationalist China.

From a military point of view these objectives are logical enough, and as the Japanese bandits have no "democratic" scruples as to the number of civilian lives lost in such a campaign they launched it with extensive and murderous air raids on the centers of population, hoping by this means to terrorize the populace and provoke dissension in the Chinese ranks.

Morale Heightened

It is becoming increasingly apparent that precisely the opposite result has been produced; given a foretaste of the kind of "mercy" they may expect from the Japanese war lords in case

of defeat, the Chinese people have rallied to a man to the standard of Chiang Kai-shek.

The Japanese operations around Shanghai have been notably costly and at present seem to have been equally unsuccessful.

One reason for the very limited progress they have made around Shanghai is the tactical backwardness of the directing staff.

Japanese generals insist that infantry attacks may only be attempted after a preliminary artillery barrage. This tactic, proven ineffective under special conditions during the world war, has been extremely unsuccessful in Shanghai.

Chinese Advantage

There are far too many narrow and crooked streets in Shanghai for heavy artillery to be very effective, and the Chinese have taken full advantage of the terrain to defend their positions with strategically placed machine gun nests. In street fighting artillery is practically useless save for the noise it makes.

However, it is not at all impossible that the Japanese may ultimately achieve their objectives around Shanghai. Because of the unique position of the Chinese railroads in this sector such a victory might have very serious consequences.

The railroad lines feeding the Shanghai area form a triangle with Nanking at the vertex and Hangchow as another point of resistance. Within this area live some 5,000,000 people. The information has already been received in Shanghai that Japan intends to send a bombing fleet of over 300 heavy planes for the purpose of sweeping this area of every human being and bringing about the complete capitulation of the Nanking government.

Favorable Factors

The Japanese imperialists are no doubt ready to go to the most brutal lengths to capture this area. Only the strongest protests against this unprincipled murder of millions of innocent civilians will halt the plans for this massacre.

However, the arrival of many new and superior planes at Chinese aerodromes may force Japan to curtail her bombing activities. These planes, according to all accounts, are greatly superior to Japanese planes.

If the Chinese armies are thus enabled to make a bid for supremacy in the air, the plans of the Japanese general staff may very well collapse and throw the entire Japanese campaign into a very difficult position. So far they have suffered tremendous losses on the ground and if these catastrophes are repeated in the air it may spell a rapid end of the Chinese planes.

A final feature which has greatly strengthened the Chinese defense





## S. F. TO HEAR NOTED EDITOR NOVEMBER 6

Syndicalist Law Victims to  
Speak on Soviet Anniversary Program

Clarence Hathaway, editor of Daily Worker, New York organ of the Communist Party, and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party will arrive in San Francisco November 5th, according to word received this week.

As the featured speaker, he will headline the celebration at Dreamland auditorium, Saturday



CLARENCE A. HATHAWAY

evening, November 6th, observing the twentieth anniversary of the Russian revolution.

### Nationally Known

As editor of the Daily Worker, Hathaway built a national reputation and established the Worker as one of the nation's outstanding newspapers. Capitalist and Worker's press alike have accorded him recognition.

The November 6th celebration, planned in conjunction with the drive for a daily Western Worker, will offer other interesting features in addition to Hathaway's talk. A dramatic pageant, portraying the role of the Worker's press in defending the rights of the people, will be presented.

California's victims of the notorious Criminal Syndicalism law, recently released from the state's over crowded, hate ridden prisons, will appear en masse. Frank Spector, County Secretary of the Communist Party will present briefly the case for a daily paper. Schneiderman, State Secretary of the Party will preside at the meeting, beginning at 8 p. m., and ending promptly at 10. A dance at 121 Haight Street will follow.

### Caroline Decker to Speak At L.A. Hathaway Meeting

LOS ANGELES — Caroline Decker, recently freed victim of the Criminal Syndicalism law, is scheduled to appear on the November 7th celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution to be held here in the Olympic Auditorium under the auspices of the Communist Party.

Miss Decker served approximately two and one half years in Tehachapi Prison for her work among agricultural workers in California.

Main attraction at the November 7th meeting will be Clarence Hathaway, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and editor of the Daily Worker.

### Quill Elected President

NEW YORK—Closing its first national convention after the adoption of a constitution and many resolutions of a broad progressive nature, the Transport Workers Union (CIO) elected Michael J. Quill president.

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## Costigan Confident of Seattle Defeat of Dore

W. C. F. Secretary Sees Beck Terror Driving All  
Support Away From Reactionaries

By TOM PATTERSON

Events have made Howard Costigan confident. The dynamic secretary of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, who paid a brief visit to San Francisco en route to Fresno, told the Western Worker:

1. That Mayor John Dore will be beaten decisively in the next election, and with him the racketeering "unionism" of Dave Beck.

2. The next mayor of Seattle will be endorsed by the Commonwealth Federation and will run on a platform including strict enforcement of the Wagner-Connery Act and will defend the right of small business men to refuse to enter "protective associations" of Dave Beck.

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HOWARD COSTIGAN

poll 50 per cent of the Teamster vote."

Where else does the Federation get its support?

"Small business generally and a good many larger enterprises are against Dore and Beck," said Costigan. "It is even possible that he will be defeated in the primaries since there will be other candidates apart from the one who wins the support of the Commonwealth Federation. But the Commonwealth Federation has by far the largest support of all the opponents of Dore and Beck."

**Rebuilt Old Age Group**

As an example to show why, Costigan pointed out the Old Age Pension Union, which the Federation sponsored and helped to build on the ashes of the crumbled Townsend movement. Today there are 20 old people organized in the state, on a program which fights for the immediate needs of the old people and which has already won enforcement of minimum old age compensation laws of the state.

Costigan pointed out that to defeat Beck in Seattle is to shatter whatever inroads he may have made in other parts of the West Coast.

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**Auto Dealers "Organized"**

Auto dealers have been forced into the same lineup, with the results that trade-in values of used cars are one-third lower than the standard "blue book" prices and auto sales are being driven out of Seattle.

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## NEGRO PARLEY MAPS FIGHT FOR LIBERTIES

Delegates Urge Unity of  
Labor as Weapon to  
Fight Jim-Crow

(Continued from Page 1)  
problems confronting the Negro people.

Clarence Hathaway, editor of the New York Daily Worker, addressed the symposium on war and fascism. He took issue sharply with a speech by Norman Thomas, Socialist Party leader, which warned that collective security "might lead to war."

**Attacks Thomas**

"We face reality," Hathaway declared. "There is war and there is fascism. Concretely our tasks are how to stop them from spreading throughout the world. All the pretty speeches will not make any difference unless backed by clear-headed action. Ultimately the decisive anti-war force is the peace-loving people of the world, but every force against war must be united now to stop the present reality of growing war and fascism."

"We have advocated for years—even as now—the unity of the Socialist and Communist Parties," Hathaway said, amidst a burst of applause. "We have advocated and still advocate the unity of the trade union movement."

In the concluding session Randolph was re-elected president of the Congress. John P. Davis was re-elected as executive secretary. Gladys Stone, young trade union leader, was chosen financial secretary, and U. Simpson Tate, of Washington, treasurer. Max Yergan, International Committee on African Affairs, director, and the Rev. William Jernagin, Washington, D. C. were named vice-presidents.

**Numerous Speakers**

Scores of people, both white and colored, prominent in national affairs, addressed the Congress. A message of greeting from President Roosevelt tendering the congress his best wishes was read to the opening session.

Among the many leading speakers were Dr. Harry F. Ward, chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism; C. S. Chang, Chinese leader and outstanding figure in the American Friends of the Chinese people; the Rev. William Lloyd Innes, New York Negro minister; Dr. Malaku E. Bayen, of the World Ethiopian Federation and personal representative of the Emperor Haile Selassie in America; William L. Patterson, who explained the peace policy of the Soviet Union; Norman Thomas, Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense; Edward E. Strong, leader of the national youth division of the Congress; Walter White, secretary to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Dr. Charles Wesley, professor of History at Harvard University; President F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Crystal Bird Fauset, Philadelphia Negro woman leader; Charles W. Burton, prominent Chicago attorney and John P. Davis, executive secretary of the Congress.

Before adjournment the Congress reaffirmed the stand on major policy which it took on Chicago last year.

**Firemen Condemn  
Minority Paper**

**Will Aid Truckers**

It is reported that a well formed movement is underway in the Teamsters' Union to call a rank and file referendum on the question of affiliation with the CIO.

At the same meeting, longshoremen present voted unanimously to give both financial and moral support to the teamsters if they are forced to go out on strike when their contracts expire in the near future.

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## Anti-Farmer Ruling Faces U. S. Supreme Court Test

He Looks the Same Coming or Going



AFTER William Green finished fuming and sputtering about the CIO in his opening speech at the AFL convention at Denver, John L. Lewis replied that the millions of workers in America wouldn't rely on Green to organize the unorganized. "He looks the same coming or going," declared Lewis.

## See Unity Growing In Pedro

Teamsters, Longshoremen  
& Warehousemen Hold  
Joint Meeting

Dr. Eloesser to Leave in Ad-  
vance of Other Volunteers  
for Spain

SAN PEDRO—Real possibili-  
ties of unity coming from the  
rank and file" were seen by Dr.

A. A. Heist, CIO educational  
director, in commenting on a  
meeting of more than 500 mem-  
bers of the AFL and the CIO  
held here last Monday.

Represented at the meeting,  
which had been called to dis-  
cuss labor unity in the harbor  
area, were longshoremen, ware-  
housemen, and teamsters. Speak-  
ers were Dr. Heist and Lee  
Guyer, representing the Amer-  
ican Federation of Teachers,  
AFL.

**See Unity Developing**

In a statement to the Western  
Worker, C. H. Jordan, CIO In-  
dustrial Council secretary de-  
clared:

"From attendance of the first  
unity meeting, which was at-  
tended by about 150 teamsters,  
it is evident that the rank  
and file of the teamsters wish  
to cooperate with the CIO."

"If a series of these unity  
meetings are held frequently,  
it will bring about a condition of  
unity."

Following talks from Guyer  
and Heist, the meeting was  
thrown open to discussion from  
the floor. Strongly voiced was  
a determination by rank and  
file members of unions to end  
the current warfare between the  
Teamsters' officials and the long-  
shoremen.

More than \$2000 has already  
been contributed to finance the  
West Coast unit, the Medical  
Bureau announced, although a  
formal campaign has not yet  
been launched. A recent contri-  
butor to the fund is the Musi-  
cians' Union, which gave \$25.

**Others to Follow**

Dr. Eloesser will leave in ad-  
vance of the full West Coast

medical unit which he is orga-  
nizing to take to Spain. Six addi-  
tional members of this unit have  
already been selected. Two of  
them, Dr. and Mrs. Carlton  
Purvisance, will accompany Dr.  
Eloesser immediately. Mrs. Pur-  
visance is an expert laboratory  
technician.

Other members who will fol-  
low are Dr. Franklin Bissell  
and three nurses, Miss Alice Eliza-  
beth Waggon, Mrs. Mary S.  
Tranter and Miss Evelyn Andell.

Charles G. Norris, Kathleen  
Norris and Frederick Thompson,  
in addition to a large repre-  
sentation of the San Fran-  
cisco medical profession, made  
reservations to attend the ban-  
quet.

Private charity agencies, the  
county department declared, were  
on her only hope.

But on Tuesday a Workers  
Alliance committee went with  
her to the charities department.  
Committee members demanded  
to see Rex Thomson, county  
superintendent of charities, were  
told that he was out, threatened  
to take the whole case to the  
Board of Supervisors.

Railroader Contributes His Ideas for Daily "Western."

# WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

## Legal Tricks Used Against Douglas Sitdown Strikers

### ASK PROBE IN SACRAMENTO DELTA AREA

Beet Growers Get Federal Subsidies and Exploit Field Workers

By Agricultural Worker

SACRAMENTO—The Agricultural Workers Union Local 33, affiliated to the CIO, has sent a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, in line with the Sugar Act of 1937 recently signed by President Roosevelt, complaining about conditions for beet workers in the Sacramento Delta.

This work is done through contractors, which helps the boss to get his work done at the lowest pay possible. The contractors are the medium to exploit the workers.

#### Miserable Wages

The worker receives \$5 and \$6 per acre for thinning, 30 cents an hour for hoeing, 35 and 40 cents an hour for irrigating and 37, 40, 45 and 50 cents an hour for topping where one man tops and loads an average of seven to nine tons per day.

Through political influence, the large companies and wealthy landowners have brought pressure to bear on law enforcement officers to disregard the camps of the contractors, where the workers are boarded for \$1.10 a day per man. There is about 60 cents profit per man.

The State Board of Equalization has issued liquor licenses to these contractors, and when there is a large labor supply, the workers are forced to spend all their earnings with the contractors or else get fired.

#### Ask Investigation

The letter to Secretary Wallace urged that an investigator be sent to the Sacramento Delta area, and demanded that the workers be legally protected in their right to organize into unions, since the growers get government loans and subsidies.

The union believes the beet workers should get at least 50 cents an hour for hoeing, 60 cents an hour for irrigating, 80 cents an hour for topping, and \$10 an acre for thinning.

**Oregon Workers' Alliance Preps For Convention**

#### By a WPA Worker

SALEM, Ore.—Salem Local of the Workers Alliance has held no meetings for two weeks as most of the leadership are working nights in the canneries and most of the members are employed temporarily during the period of harvest.

The night shifts are beginning to close down now and the local expects to resume meetings again.

#### Send Delegates

Salem will have delegates elected to the convention at Redmen Hall on October 30, 31 and will also send as many to support them as possible.

The "Call and Tasks of the Third Annual Convention" will be presented to the membership. Mrs. Wyatt has been removed from the WPA administrative force in the Marion and Polk Co. Area. Mrs. Wyatt has continually talked of the discontinuance of WPA and has made no apparent effort to prevent curtailment of either funds or personnel.

The Salem local would like to have Miss Ruth Haefer placed in this position. Word has not yet been received from Miss Haefer as to her willingness to accept the position.

#### Form New Local

Persons interested in the Albany residing in Albany contacted members of Salem local at the Peoples' Power League meeting at Borneville. They requested members of the Salem local to come to Albany on the following Thursday to assist them in starting a local in Albany. Two members of the Salem local, A. B. Plummer and Madie Lippe, attended their meeting.

**"Great Men"**  
By a Worker Correspondent  
Here's to the ghost of Alfred Sloan. When, day of days, his soul goes home, He'll take one look at the Golden Hoard, Then give these demands to the Lord: "I want the key to the Pearly Gate. And, as usual, I'm not going to arbitrate, In the future I'll run this place alone. So hike yourself down off my throne."

What an awful fight that's going to be. Just God against Sloan and monopoly. —J. M.

**Cotton Pickers Get Less in '37 Than Last Year**

By an Agricultural Worker  
CORCORAN, Kings County—The workers in this San Joaquin Valley are very disgusted with the wages that the bosses force on them. Picking cotton they get only 90 cents per 100 pounds, 10 cents less than last year, and the prices of the more essential things of life are higher.

Conservatively, there are 10,000 workers who, according to last year's rate of pay, are losing about \$7000 monthly, and much more in paying cut-throat prices. Then most of the pickers are heads of large families, with many thousands of children of school age.

I think the Western Worker will be a big help in organizing these workers, if you give it a chance by adding to it one or two full pages in Spanish, and tell the workers plenty of what is happening in and around regions where they live and where they came from.

I send one dollar for the Daily Western Worker fund.

**Sacramento City Official Tries to Imitate Mussolini**

By a Worker Correspondent  
SACRAMENTO—We are trying to determine whether Sacramento is a part of the U. S. or a colony possession of Germany or Italy. We were not sure whether we were talking to Hitler or Mussolini or Ray Oakley, assistant city manager.

Being in the city hall office of Mr. Oakley and hearing the words flowing from his lips, did have us fooled for a while.

**Ignores Federal Laws**

In our conversation on constitutionality of the city ordinance which prohibits the use of public parks to all labor organizations, and gives the city manager's office full power to determine who shall or shall not have the use of public places, Mr. Oakley stated the city of Sacramento, under the present charter, makes its own laws and doesn't have to abide by the laws of the federal government or state government.

As for a further improvement—I think the small type should be a thing of the past. There is no pleasure in eye-strain, even if it's from reading truthful news.

**Wants Pictures**

I note that when the Editor wants his say he puts it in large type on the Editorial Page. So if new larger type cannot be afforded, the small print now used could be discarded and this black type substituted.

I think the "Western" should keep up with the other news papers by having more pictures. The modern trend seems to be for more and better pictures, and nothing is too good for the workers' paper.

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**As far as he or the city manager and the administration is concerned, says Mr. Oakley, they are going to follow the policies they have now and not allowing any labor organization, AFL or CIO, or the Communist Party to use public parks or any public place for meetings of any kind.**

We think it is time the people of Sacramento should have something to say about what the city council makes. The people before voting find out:

**Ask Candidates**

1. How each candidate stands on civil liberties, free speech, free press and assembly, for all groups, including the Communist Party.

2. How each candidate stands on the anti-picketing ordinance.

3. How each candidate stands on election of representatives of the city administration, such as the Board of Education.

**Speed-up Caused Restaurant Fire**

By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN FRANCISCO—Who ever wrote that saying, "Haste Makes Waste," surely said a mouthful.

For example, on the afternoon of Columbus Day, business had increased at the Famous Riviera Restaurant at Stockton and Union Sts., so much that workers in the kitchen had not been sufficiently reinforced to take care of the tremendous business due to so many extra customers who had come to witness the parade, and also due to the fact that it was Sunday. The result was a fire in the kitchen.

Damage was slight but the establishment was great as the establishment had to close-up and lost the patronage of many diners who come in the evening.

**Big Gains for CIO**

NEW YORK—One third of all maritime workers in the United States have been enrolled in the CIO Maritime Committee, Sec. Mervyn Rathbone reports.

### "RELIEF" \$3 PER MONTH IN ARIZONA

News Briefs on Struggles Of Miners and Small Cattlemen

By a Worker Correspondent  
PHOENIX, Ariz.—It took the death of an aged Nogales worker to awaken Arizona's Governor Stanford to the critical situation in the relief setup. E. S. Edmonson, executive secretary of the Santa Cruz County Social Security Board, reported the man died of starvation. Arizona papers called it "malnutrition."

**\$3 Per Month**

At a special conference here October 9, it was found the various counties had funds to provide an average of less than \$3 for October for each individual.

Here is the estimate of county officials on the money they can spend per individual in October: Santa Cruz, \$2 per person per month; Gila, \$2 per person; Apache, \$3.50; Yavapai, \$3 and similar estimates from Maricopa, Navajo and Coconino.

Already in Nogales, apparently worst hit by relief cuts, an application for a Workers Alliance charter has been airmailed to Washington.

**Will Build Alliance**

Several Nogales "unemployables" are ready to begin work building the local as soon as an answer is received from the Alliance.

Governor Stanford told the Social Security Board officials that he "might" find a way to give the counties more money. Workers in the state will soon be ready to see that he does.

**Promise Betrayed**

Over in Cochise County the Central Labor Council played false their repeated VERBAL promises to aid the Int'l. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers' CIO, in its campaign to organize Bisbee district and the Phelps Dodge Mines.

The council whitewashed Sheriff Pruitt's attempts to intimidate Bisbee miners engaged in leaflet distribution at Phelps Dodge.

The council gave silent approval to an article in its official journal, Cochise County Labor News, which stated a committee investigated charges by asking Sheriff Pruitt for the "truth."

**Took Sheriff's Word**

The sheriff kindly informed the committee there was nothing at all to the union's claim. A miner wrote the council chiding them for refusing to accept the word of fellow workers and choosing instead to take that of a labor-hating sheriff, whose record as a strikebreaker in 1935 is well remembered by every Bisbee miner.

E. F. Vickers, editor of the paper, replied that the miner had acted too hastily and proposed patience!

Vickers should have time to learn that the workers really want to see the CIO organize Phelps Dodge.

**For CIO**

He should learn that Douglas craft union members working in the Phelps Dodge Smelter have expressed their readiness to join the CIO miners and already are actively at work in the smelter preparing the workers for organization.

**Small Cattlemen Organize**

Cattlemen, capitalists say, are individualists. What do they say about the spontaneous self organization of small cattlemen in Yavapai and Santa Cruz counties with the purpose of forcing down the size of the permits which the big cattle barons get from the federal government to run cattle on forest land?

The small ranchers claim

there is government forest land aplenty to give each man permits for at least 200 head of cattle. Larger cattlemen run as many as 15,000 cattle on the forest. They asked that large ranchers be whittled down so each may have room to run enough cattle for a living.

In Yavapai, forest officials responded to organized pressure and moved to grant the small man his rights. Word of the victory in the northern Arizona increased determination of Santa Cruz ranchers to win.

**CIO Council Near**

NOTES: CIO locals in Arizona are rapidly moving toward a state CIO council. A full time organizer, E. A. Kope, gave new impetus to CIO spirit in the state.

Desperate efforts of the planters have so far failed to secure enough cotton pickers at wages far below those paid within the Stanford machine.

Timber workers in northern Arizona have refused to listen to AFL Organizer Bartels, and presence of prominent Stanford

Longshoremen Remember This



THIS MOUNTED and masked San Francisco cop was one of several who charged meetings of workers along the Embarcadero shortly before the general strike of 1934. The masks protect the horse and cop from gas to be thrown at the workers. After seeing this in real life it's easy to understand how a convention of California police officers resolved to war "relentlessly" (meaning "ruthlessly") on the CIO, now organizing workers in the mass production industries throughout the state.

### REP. SCOTT SAYS PEOPLE ANTI-FASCIST

Predicts F.D.R. Will Ask Neutrality Repeal for "Search for Peace"

By an Oil Worker

WILLOWBROOK, Los Angeles County—At an informal "get together" of the Roosevelt-Scott Democratic Club of Willowbrook held in the old Willowbrook grammar school, Congressman Byron Scott said that in last November's elections the American people took a definite stand against fascism.

Seated cross-legged on the top of an old school desk, Scott looked for all the world like a school teacher.

The great majority of the people of the United States, he said, "sympathize with the Loyalist Spanish government and with the Chinese people. How ridiculous then, that we apply the amended neutrality law so that we actually take sides with Franco."

Scott predicted that President Roosevelt will ask Congress to repeal the neutrality laws so that we can actively engage in "the search for peace."

Scott drew a vivid picture of Representative Tinkham of Boston—the only Congressman with a square beard and a 20 year old hair. Tinkham intends to ask for the impeachment of Roosevelt at the coming special session of Congress.

**For Labor Unity**

Regarding labor, Scott said: "I don't think there is any great antagonism between the rank and file workers of the CIO and the AFL."

Reminded of the "49 masters" of the United States, Scott declared that the power of this fascist group must be destroyed.

**San Diego Germans Hold Back From Fascist Salute**

SAN DIEGO—Only 250 German-Americans attended the German day celebration here to be addressed by the terrorist Manfred von Killinger, general consul of Germany in San Francisco. Previous attendance at such meetings has been about 750.

Only about 15 responded to the Nazi salute of the chairman, C. T. Buelow, while about 20 responded with a Communist salute.

In an emotional appeal to German patriotism, the terrorist von Killinger proclaimed the "right" of German people to stay in the fascist movement in America.

men in the highway union supports the rumor that state AFL leaders have become part of the Stanford machine.

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**Inland Boatmen's Union of S. F. Ridicules Red-baiting.**

### Taxpayers Hit In Retrial of Frameup Case

Faked Charges Based on "Conspiracy to Commit Two Misdemeanors" in Last Spring's Strike

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—The taxpayers again started to shell out money to the official strikebreaking organization, when the retrial of the leaders of the Douglas Aircraft Co. sit-down strike started the 14th of October.

The charges against these men were manufactured at the request of Donald Douglas, the would-be Girdler of California, during the strike last spring at his plant. On the basis of nothing plus nothing makes a felony, if the right legal words are used, an indictment was produced, to break the strike. Exactly 347 men were originally arrested. The 23 left are to be made examples of.

#### Legal Trickery

The charges against these 23 men reach a new high in legal trickery. "Conspiracy to commit two misdemeanors" may look legitimate on the surface, but upon close inspection it shows its fallacies.

A misdemeanor in itself is a minor violation of the law, like spitting on the sidewalk, parking wrong, or jay-walking. This misdemeanor charge against the strikers was not strong enough to send in police to break the strike, so the word conspiracy was attached.

The mere word "conspiracy" raises the level of the charges to a felony, placing it in the same category as murders and kidnappings. With this conglomeration of strong words, the police arrested the sit down strikers.

#### Strikebreaking Proved

The irony of the entire situation was heightened by the remarks of the district attorneys made during the first trial. They clearly betrayed their strike breaking activities when, in substance, they said:

"We will not try to prove that the 23 defendants actually committed the misdemeanors, but that they can be tried to do them. We do not have actual proof that they conspired, but we will attempt to prove it by circumstantial evidence."

The first trial ended after seven weeks when the jury remained deadlocked for 33 hours, not on the guilt or the innocence of the defendants, but on whether there was a conspiracy or not.

The second trial gives evidence of dragging out longer than the seven weeks of the first.

#### Justice</h

# A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

First installment of John L. Lewis' closing speech to CIO Conference—Alaska Canners Vote CIO—Seattle Longshoremen Flay Mayor Dore—Boycott Against Japan speeds forward with CIO resolution—Haymarket martyrs to be honored—Other labor news on regular news pages.

## CIO RESOLUTION SPURS BOYCOTT AGAINST JAPAN

Condemns Fascist Nations As Aggressors in War Moves

Preparations for a broad boycott movement against Japanese manufactured goods as a blow against Japan's aggression in China are going forward with renewed vigor following the adoption of a resolution calling for such a boycott, by the recent Committee for Industrial Organization conference in Atlantic City, N. J.

The CIO resolution stated: "Whereas during the recent years the civilized world has witnessed the continuing aggressive action on the part of the fascist nations of the world to impose their vicious principles and policies upon other democratic countries, and

"Whereas such encroachments by the fascist nations have been extended to wars of aggression with smaller nations and subjugating the peoples of such weaker nations in the most brutal and inhumane manner, and

### Condemns Japan

"Whereas the Japanese nation, of these fascist aggressors, has during the past few weeks culminated its policies in its undeclared war upon the Chinese people with the most uncivilized and barbarous tactics in brutally bombing non-military zones, cities, and killing and maiming thousands of women and children, destroying hospitals in unprotected zones.

"Now, therefore be it resolved, that this conference of representatives of labor organizations affiliated with the CIO does hereby most severely condemn the viciousness of these fascist nations, particularly the Japanese, for their barbarous and uncivilized policies and principles, and specifically condemn the Japanese action in its unwarranted and unjustified attack upon the Chinese people, and

"Further resolved that the labor organizations affiliated with the CIO do hereby approve and join in with the labor organizations and other liberal organizations throughout the world to participate in a boycott of Japanese manufactured goods in this country.

## REP. BERNARD NOW CIO HEAD IN MINN.

DULUTH, Minn.—Recently appointed CIO State Director in Minnesota, Congressman John T. Bernard (Farmer-Labor Party) declared:

"It is my duty as a Farmer-Labor Congressman, loyal to his principles, to do everything in my power to promote the organization of workers. What is the purpose of the Farmer-Labor Party if not to elect representatives who will act consistently in the interests of the farmers and workers and the entire progressive movement?"

Bernard is a member of the Int'l. Fire Fighters and of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

## Fear AFL Stalling On Citrus Workers

PASADENA—Members of the AFL Citrus Packing House Workers' Union express fear that the AFL is stalling in regard to giving them help. During the slack spell at the packing house here, only a few workers are called and they are the workers who have not joined the union.

At a local meeting the Central Labor Council delegate said: "The AFL Council said they would stand behind us 100 per cent."

Remarks by members, "what good will that do if we don't go to work," were heard.

The chairman wants to express his appreciation to every member of the conference and to all the affiliated organizations for the splendid cooperation which has made this conference memorable and a success. It must be apparent to every one who has been privileged to attend this meeting, and to all on the outside who have followed the course of this conference and given attention to its report that this meeting marks a milestone in the progress of the Committee for Industrial Organization in the great task of creating here in our own country a modernized labor movement.

I think most of us who have been in the trenches of the CIO during the past two years and especially during the past year, have been so tremendously engaged in the actual work and so close to the manifold problems of the administration and organization that it is difficult for us to appraise the magnitude and the tremendous importance of our own accomplishments.

## Plumbers Cheer Call to Fight On



IN NEW YORK CITY, more than 1,500 striking plumbers turned down compromise wage proposals and voted to continue their struggle for a \$10 daily wage and \$6 for helpers.

## ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS GO CIO BY BIG MAJORITY

933 to 23 Is Vote; Charter to Be Installed Monday

SAN FRANCISCO—By the overwhelming ballot of 933 to 23, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union has voted to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization, announced George Wolfe, union president.

The union will receive its charter next Monday at its regular meeting at 1 p.m. in the Ship Scalers' Hall, 32 Clay St. The charter is being issued by the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Balloting on CIO affiliation has been carried on for over a month, and the votes were not tabulated until the last ship returned from Alaska, so that all members would have a chance from Seattle by putting the Elks, then bankrupt, on their financial feet.

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## Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

MUSSOLINI used to be a Socialist before the World War. Trotsky, now Hitler's valued ally, once paraded as a Communist. Doriot, who also posed as a Communist at one time, is now one of the leading Fascists in France, another ally of Hitler.

Some of the cleverest and shrewdest agents of the employing class today are renegades from the working class and from the Socialist and Communist Parties.

Therefore, you won't be surprised to learn that Dave "Goon Squad" Beck of Seattle, the Teamster czar whom Mayor Dore refers to as his boss, professed to be a Socialist many years ago. However, Beck soon lined up with the employers and their organizations; in fact, he is said to have gotten his start in Seattle by putting the Elks, then bankrupt, on their financial feet.

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## MAYOR DORE IS OPEN-SHOPPER, CHARGES ILWU

Violates Oath of Office, Declares Seattle's Longshoremen

(ILWU Local 1-19 Press Release)

SEATTLE—The Seattle press on October 14 quoted Mayor Dore as follows: "If you keep the CIO off the Pacific Coast, it will never be a national organization and the end will soon come."

By that statement Seattle's mayor condoned the numerous beatings and outbreaks of violence which have occurred here and in other Pacific Coast cities while the American Federation of Labor has been carrying out its "war" on the CIO.

**Dore Fights Wagner Act**

By those words Mayor Dore repudiates the Wagner Labor Act, which gives American workers the right to join the union of their choice.

The AFL has pledged itself to a bloody war against the CIO and against the national law. Mayor Dore also pledged himself to a bloody "war," a pledge which, if carried out, means that the mayor has declared "war" on the national law.

Mayor Dore is further quoted as saying: "Seventy-five per cent of the Seattle Longshoremen would leave the CIO tomorrow if they could get control of the hiring halls."

**He Lied**

Mayor Dore either spoke from ignorance or deliberately lied. The mayor knows the rank and file Seattle longshoremen control the hiring hall. He further knows the referendum vote, by secret ballot, on CIO affiliation carried by a 3-1 majority.

Seattle's mayor advised the AFL to concentrate their campaign through the Teamsters Union. The entire Pacific Coast is familiar with Dave Beck's "war to the finish" in San Francisco, a battle in which Teamster officials ordered their membership off their jobs to break a trade union, the San Francisco longshoremen.

**Dore Is Open-Shopper**

When Mayor Dore condones an attempt to break one union, he condones the breaking of all unions. He barefacedly comes out for the open-shop. He tells one and all that he favors return of the "fink" halls on the waterfront. If he favors "fink" halls on the waterfront, he favors them for every union. When the time is ripe he would condone breaking the Brotherhood of Teamsters.

**Mayor Dore by his own words favors force and violence to break the Int'l. Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union. Then Mayor Dore is opposed to the Laws which he swore as mayor to uphold. Mayor Dore is in favor of gangster tactics and racketeering.**

The ILWU knows that if we are to have a peaceful and law abiding city, Mayor Dore must be defeated.

**Filipinos Need CIO**

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## John L. Lewis Tells of the CIO

tions which had founded the CIO.

I shall not undertake to detail the accomplishments, the work of the CIO during the following year, except to say that the record of achievements reported here to this conference has been one unsurpassed in the history of labor, as I have read it in this or any other country. Those things did not come about by accident or by chance, or through the vagaries of the winds that blow through our economic or our political lives.

**Contract With U. S. Steel**

On February 1, 1937, the Steel Workers Organizing Committee executed with the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation a collective bargaining contract for the employees of that corporation—that was the answer of the CIO to these statements and that propaganda.

Too much credit cannot be given to the SWOC, its chairman and its officers, its field agents and employees, for that magnificent accomplishment in the face of an opposition that the public at large, the employers of the country, the mass newspapers of the nation, and the common people and the press of every civilized country of the world.

It is a practical realization of what the American labor movement could have done years ago if the leaders of the American labor movement had had the vision, fortitude and the courage to forget their own comfort, to forget their own individual emoluments and pleasures and devoted themselves in reality and in fact to the cause of serving their fellow-men by giving them intelligent and courageous leadership.

**Throwing Off Bonds**

Week by week, day by day, through the months that have gone by in the past year, students and members of the faculties of foreign universities, brilliant and skilled representatives of the foreign press, representatives of foreign governments, those who are high in statecraft, have either come to America or paused during their visit

here to study the phenomena of labor in America throwing off its bonds.

**Labor in America is throwing off its bonds because labor in America is convinced individually and collectively that for too many years it has been exploited and submerged, denied its opportunity, denied its reasonable participation in the natural bounties of our great country, and in the increased efficiency of our business institutions.**

The CIO with its policies, and with its ideals, and with its understanding of dreams and ideas that are in the hearts of the men and women who toil for a living, have made this possible.

**Politics Based on People**

They came about because the policies of the CIO were founded upon a firm understanding of the thoughts that emanated from the minds of the men and women engaged in American industries, and because of the efficiency and the loyalty and the perseverance, and the effort of the tremendous number of officers and representatives of the CIO in carrying this work of organization in all of our industries.

The reward has been equal to the effort, and the effort has made possible the

**Political Realization**

And this brings us again to the question of union men engaging in politics—on their own hook.

Some of the waterfront men still argue against political action.

But I wonder how many of them fail to recognize the need to indulge in philosophical cogitations and academic meanderings about the philosophy that

pertains to the proposition in

which you are engaged, nor the academic benefits that might

come to posterity through the work that you are doing in the present day and year.

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**To Be Concluded**

## The CIO and the Filipino Workers

AN ARTICLE BY J. MENSALVES

Filipino workers, numbering 35,000 in California alone, as a small minority group, exercising no political influence in the public life of the State, of the country and of even their own country, occupy a very precarious position in the rapidly growing labor movement of America.

Like other workers (although they are affected most), they are constantly threatened by starvation wages, long hours of work, unemployment or economic insecurity.

**See CIO Advance**

This condition is often overlooked by them, in their hard struggle to keep up in the functioning of a "dog eat dog" "exploitation of man by man" system of society. Furthermore, social and economic discrimination against them as a race, adds another weight to their struggle.

**The line of the Hearst newspapers, magazines, radios and other capitalist means of propaganda still hide the basic cause of their problems and their way out.**

**Why the CIO**

But experiences have taught them; they see the progressive forces showing them the way out. They see the CIO and its achievements. But seeing is not enough. The Filipino workers should join and help build the CIO.

**CRESCENT CITY—A strike and lockout that may be the opening skirmish in the struggle to unionize the redwood lumbering area, held the center of interest in Del Norte County over last week as the result of accumulated grievances between Local 61 of the Int'l. Woodworkers of America and Hobbs, Wall & Co., major operators in this county.**

**Non-union truck drivers, hauling logs from the woods to the mill here and employed by an outside trucking concern, are held responsible for the immediate cause of the strike.**

**Charge Intimidation**

However, charges of intimidation and discrimination against Local 61 members, and subversive activities of company bosses in endeavoring to set up a company union have complicated the issue, and it is probable that these questions will require adjustment before the trouble is settled.

**The difficulty arose when the non-union drivers refused either to reinstate themselves in the Teamsters Union or to join the CIO Woodworkers.**

The woods crew went out Thursday noon in protest, and Saturday night C. W. Jonas, managing director for the company closed down the mill.

**Declared Lock-Out**

The action of the company has been declared to be a lockout by the union, and a picket line has been established covering all lumbering activities of